

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: V. K. Pai et al.

Serial No.: 10/551,829

Filed: Dec 03, 2004

For: Automated Method for Quantitative
Measurement of Benefits in a
Plurality of Self-Assessing,
Knowledge Sharing Communities

Customer Number: 07617

Attorney Docket No.: 2639

T.C./Art Unit:

Examiner:

Date of this document: January 5, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FOURTH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants submit this fourth preliminary amendment, which adds one dependent claim. No additional fee is required for the newly added claim, since Applicants have already paid for 25 additional claims in the second preliminary amendment, thereby making a payment for 45 total paid claims. On the other hand, the current set of claims contains 41 claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.